



Ontario passes Bill 41, the Patients First Act

December 7, 2016: Home Care Ontario commends the government on the passage of Bill 41, The Patients First Act, 2016 which has the overarching goal of creating a further improved and integrated provincial home care system.

This legislation is a major milestone enabling transformative change in the provincial home and community care system, notably dissolving CCACs and shifting oversight for the publicly funded program to the LHINs. Ultimately, patients and their families will benefit as more service is channeled to support care at home.

Home Care Ontario members welcome the opportunity to work directly with the LHINs to streamline service delivery processes and integrate planning to direct more funding to front line home care within the system.

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About Home Care Ontario

Home Care Ontario, *the voice of home care in Ontario™*, is a member-based organization with a mandate to promote growth and development of the home care sector through advocacy, knowledge transfer, and member service. Home Care Ontario members include those engaged in and/or supportive of home-based health care. In Ontario, Home Care Providers are responsible for delivering nursing care, home support services, personal care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, dietetics, speech language therapy and medical equipment and supplies in the home to individuals of all ages. An estimated 58 million hours of publicly and privately purchased home care service is provided annually across the province.

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